Skywold
MEREDITH
New York

September 29, 1936

Dear Mr. Robinson:

It was very thoughtful of you to write as you did on July twenty-seventh. My children and I very much appreciated your sympathetic message and wish to thank you.

The peace which our Lord promised to those who mourn is being vouchsafed to us, -- too, the knowledge that our friends are thinking of us is comforting.

Sincerely yours,
Anna Ayer Fry

Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi,
New York.

~~MRS. A. N. C. FOWLER~~
~~277 GLEN STREET~~
~~GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK~~

Pass-a-Grille Beach, Fla.,

My dear Court:—

Thank you ever so much for the paper containing your memorial sermon for your father. It is splendid. It seemed to me you said just the right words for it is difficult not to say too much about a loved relative. That is such a good picture of Uncle James H. I feel that one could not say too much about such a good man. The

have had a very cold winter for Florida.
We haven't had a frost yet but we
have a great deal of rain and cold winds.
We haven't been in swimming since
November as it is too cold for us though
many do go and seem to like it. We
have only a week and two or three
with the thermometer at 70° or 80° or
more here. Since Aunt Georgia died
I have very much alone in the world.
I have not been able to write very well
since I was ill, but Aunt Georgia
always made such nice letters —)

kept me informed of general happenings. I hope you and your boys have been well and that Stuart is doing well. Do you ever hear of Annie or Charlie since he left Baltimore? With very much love to you and your dear self,

Affectionately

May.

March. 14.

September 24, '36

WBC

Dear Big Preacher

I enjoyed your short letter which I received while I was in La anna. So glad you preach every Sunday, it helps a lot to feel well and then to do something. I have been back on the job since Aug. 31st, am feeling fine and kept busy at the office. Dr. S. is splendid, had his 71st Birthday Sept. 15th and he is so much mellower than he used to be. He complains of pain in right shoulder and back. Gee, won't there be some time when God calls him Home. All jealous, and doing detective work on the other. As I get older, I have been practicing patience, holding my tongue still, when I want to say something back, and already I can see the improvement at home and in the

office. Mother not well, but is up and around. I guess you heard of Mrs. Meason's death also Mr. Thos. Crawford, Mrs. Keys and young George McClelland, who was in Norristown Insane Asylum. Changes all the time. Dr. Swing wants to leave the church, and go to Ardmore. I do not blame him. He says he is too old for any active work. Dr. Mackie came back last Sunday, and said the members of the Three Boards would have to work this year on account of him being away as Moderator. Henry (my brother) has been Chairman of the Finance Committee taking charge of all monies, so that Anne Dillon doesn't touch the collection envelopes. (She gets worse, Anna, I mean) Well Dr. Mackie has displayed temper personified in front of Henry, especially one Communion Sunday

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WBC and Henry has no time for him, and as Henry has served three years, putting in a system that anybody can be checked up, going to church 3 times Sunday, Monday nite and then finishes up on Tues. at home, will resign, taking effect at end of this fiscal year Feb 28th. I am more than sorry because he liked the work and also kept him interested in the church. I hope "Bunny" and yourself are well and we all send our love

Sincerely

Winifred

WINIFRED B. FREAS

May 5, 1935

Dear "Big Preacher" - I waited answering your letter because I knew the new Elders and Deacons would be installed and also please notice our "Prec" and Henry. The "Bulletin" is very cheap looking but I guess the church is going down and down, financially. Dr. Mackie came into Dr. Irving's office to have a tooth

ly wrecked, and he told me how very
sick Miss Gertrude Jenkins and the
last Miss Hare. Miss Jenkins died
this morning of double pneumonia,
in church and well last Sunday
I do not know what is the matter
with Miss Hare. Dr. Mackie also
told me that his physician said he
was just on the verge of a
nervous collapse when they took
him into the hospital. He doesn't
feel well yet, has two more teeth
to come out and tires easily. How
are you these days? Bessie isn't
coming back to health as we all
hoped. ~~Our~~ Her color is not good, irritable
the financial strain and missing
Walter all tend to make it hard
for her and she will not go to
church. I do think if she would
go and speak to her friends, it

would help. Mr. and Mrs.
Simons went to California
by water and Mr. Simons
is much better. Rev Mr
Haite is slowly getting
better, just discharged the
night nurse, and the
Mackie's have opened
their house to Carrie,
and she is at the
Hospital day and night
almost. Virginia Alexander
is still in church, but
has written some very
harsh letters. Elsie Guthrie
and Mr. Haines still have
their chats after church. It
does them both good. Mr.
Leonard retired, in a
sanitorium with 1/2 salary
around ($25,000 the 1/2) John Rife's
wife is going to have her 4th
baby Love affec Winifred

WINIFRED B. FREAS

March 13, 1935

Dear "Big Preacher:"

We were all so happy to hear from you again, and now I have some illnesses to tell you about - right now we are concerned about Mother, she has had a nasty throat deep seated infection at the trachea, for three weeks would not go to bed, but on Sunday short of gave away, sent for the Doctor and we have had some time since. The mucous will not come away, mother is too weak to do any more coughing, but last might the nurse with inhalations got it started. She was a little better this morning, but on account of her heart, it will take quite awhile to get over this and try to be herself again.

Bessie Maxwell had her tonsils out the day before the blizzard and has been sick ever since. No time for getting out tonsils in the winter, but you cannot tell Bessie anything. Ethel Maxwell lost her position two weeks after Walter's death, and I certainly have tried, but cannot accomplish a thing. Keep on trying.

The rest of us are all right, and hope to

keep the good work on.

The church - this is on the quiet until after our Congregational meeting, March 27th. Dr. Swing is going to resign as a Trustee and of course as President of the Board of Trustees. He has been a Trustee for thirty years and President of the Board for twenty years. He feels he has served longenough. They have asked "Prec" to be a member of the Endowment Fund" and be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Al Truitt, the big man of our church, had a slight stroke, but is going around now, and I think he will be elected a member of the Session and his wife and self will be mighty happy over it.

We are having a great time financially with the church and times have changed in so many ways since you were here.

Eleanor Ferguson's Uncle Will has joined our church and likes it very much.

The Hill boys have left the church, Bennett because he moved out into the suburbs and wants to start Sunday school with his boys. Horace because of Dr. Mackie.

The Shrader family have left the church - same reason I think as Horace Hill.

Mr. Simons has been very ill, better now and Amelia and he are taking a water trip to California. I think they are going elsewhere when they return, not right away though.

That leaves Dr. Swing as the largest subscriber, and he told me that Mrs. Swing has been at him to join a church nearer their home in Merion.

Henry, my brother, says if I knew the inside story of the financial I would think ever thing was in a chaos.

"Prec" next Sunday leads the little "lambs" up the church for christening, and he looks so dignified that I almost "bust."

We have had a little flurry of snow but it did not stay long. I pray for contentment, everything seems to be all upset, I mean out in the business world.

Jean Barton Leathem is suffering with arthitis. She isn't getting very much better.

Just a bit of gossip. Mr. Haines, twice a widower, sits in from of

of Elsie Guthrie, and Elsie told me that he talkes to her every Sunday now. I think there is romance lurking around, don't you?

Also Mr. Knodle, our organist, his first wife died, 2nd wife he has just divorced and now Sara Darlington, blonde, is kind of looking after him.

Well spring must be just around the corner.

I hope you feel much better and keep on and with love to "Bunny" and yourself from all of us at 4521 I am

Very truly yours,

Winifred

EUREKA APT. G
4TH ST. AND ATLANTIC AVE.
OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY

Sunday-Aug 4th.

Dear Dr Robinson

You folks seemed to be on my mind so much of late thought I would like to have a little chat.

We surely do know it is summer, even down here by the ocean, never felt it so hot and for such a long period before in Ocean City. We seem to have an air, but it is hot

air, bathing is great - temperature 77 - and my how I do enjoy it. Winifred and Harry used to come down here each year and how Harry did enjoy the water. Wish we used to sit on the beach and watch us. She has certainly had one serious time of it - do hope she is improving. Altho being down here, I am not in touch with them, as much as I would like to

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She is so brave for such a mite, I don't think Harry has ever gotten to be himself since he was sick a few years ago. The Lloyds are running down here - also the Davis just across the street from each other but a good distance from us. One really needs a car down here as there is only a bus to take you around town it leaves you door but only runs every hour - everyone

has their own car - but no.
Mr Larr has gotten right into
the evangelistic work down
here - saw his name in
the daily paper - he going
to address a group of young
people having a beach party.
Can you believe it? but
Beach would have been mar-
ried 15 yrs the 18th of this
month had she lived
Charles was 11 yrs old last
week - he is a lovely boy -
he and his father are great
pals. They are up in Maine

everything going along just
the same as when
Bessie was with them. I miss
her so, and my dear,
Miss Jenkins gone too - she
was a joy and inspiration
to me every day of my
life. This week end a year
ago she was here in D.C.
visiting us. She was so
active up until the end
sick only 5 days - stepped
around and as peppy as
a girl in her teens, and
yet she was 71 - 4 days be-

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before she died. I don't think
a person in Northminster will
be missed like Miss Jenkins -
she was loved by young
and old. She was Secretary
of the S. S. - I, through love
for her have taken her place -
but I do not like morning
S. S. For 9 yrs I have been
teaching in Bethany S. S.
at 22nd & Bainbridge.
We surely miss dear little
Mrs. Dist - know she is very
happy with her daughter in
Pittsburg - but she was on in
May & June and says how she

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music Northminster and
her Shakespeare Club -
also her many friends.
While here, Mrs Ard's list had
several affairs in her house;
so as she could see all
her friends. She entertained
Dr + Mrs Mackie + Mr + Mrs
Waite for dinner. Mr Waite
isn't well yet after all
these months. Guess she
heard Mr Pratt had quite

a sick spell in the spring
his heart I think - did too
heavy lifting, but better now.
Can't think of any more
news - but hope you and
Mrs Robinson are both
well and escaping
this extreme heat I
remain, with love to you
both

Eleanore.

P.S. So glad to tell you Nuccle
Will joined Northminster and
is very happy there.

THIS LETTER SENT TO: Mrs. H. R. Freas, 4521 Sansom Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 15, 1935.

My dear Winifred,

It was good to get your letter this morning. The news in it, however, was rather distressing. I am sorry your mother is so ill, and also that your sister, Bess, has had her trials. You have had enough to depress you for some time. You and Harry, however, are about the bravest people I know.

I am sorry that Horace and Bernett Hill have left Northminster. Horace wrote me, some time ago, that all was not happy, but he said he was going to stay by. The loss of the Hills and the Schraders and Allen Smith, and also the Simons, will be very, very serious. I am glad I have escaped that disaster, which would have depressed me exceedingly.

I was shocked to learn that Mr. Simons is ill. I had heard nothing about it. I hope the trip West will improve the condition of all of them. I am very fond of that family. I had heard, from others, of the financial pressure which must be very hard to bear.

I hope Doctor Swing will not withdraw. He has been a very valuable man in that Church. Personally, I always felt very confident when he was engaged in any enterprise. It would look to me like a complete wreck, if he and the others all left.

I wish I might get some preaching in Philadelphia this spring and summer, but I am fearful that I can not. Our new pastor comes April fourth, and I will be out of a job, with no salary income. We have to live pretty close on what we receive in other ways.

This carries our warm wish that you and yours will all again have good health. It is so hard to be sick, as I have found out in the last year. I am, however, very much better and, if I do not do too much, I am always feeling pretty good.

Thank you for writing, and write again when you find the time.

Most cordially yours,

WCR/RW

February 22, 1935.

Mrs. H. R. Freas,
4521 Sansom Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Winifred:

We often wonder how you and all your family circle are getting on. We hope you are improved in body. You have had a very hard time, for many years, and you are such a wee, little thing, that it seems a wonder that you have endured it, but you have endured it bravely, cheerfully and remarkably well.

Yesterday, I officiated at a wedding, and there was a gentleman there from near New York, who looked, for all the world, like Doctor Swain. Please tell the Doctor that I thought of him many, many times, and it would have been such a pleasure to have seen him. I count Doctor Swain one, good friend.

We had a Christmas card from Charles and Elizabeth, but, otherwise, I know nothing about them.

Can you find strength and time to send me a good, newsy letter? Northminster may forget me, but I can not forget Northminster. I presume that many incidents happen. My old friends drop out, and I presume I would scarcely know the Congregation now.

I am doing pretty well this year. I am free from pain, and, while not as fat and strong as I have been, I have managed to preach once a week and do incidental work in the Church.

Our family at Elizabeth seems to be getting on well, and, so far as we know, are in great health. They are a great crowd. Did I tell you that we had them all up here at Christmas time, and it was the best Christmas Season either of us remember?

How is that big "Prec" getting on? I hope he has good health, and holds his job.

I hear that Dayton Leonard is quite broken. He has been pretty successful, but, I guess, has had to work too hard. I note, in the New York paper, an item about him. One said his daughter had had a Coming-Out Party, and the other said he had gone to the Sanitarium. I remember, so well, their wedding, many years ago now. We could not foresee the great financial success which they have had.

Give our warmest regards to anybody that remembers us. Tell them we hold them all in the same old spot. Give special

remembrance to your own family circle, beginning with that big husband of yours.

Most sincerely,

WCR/RW

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Apr 4 1936

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Buffalo N.Y.

My dear Robinson

Your letter of the 14th of March received was very pleased to hear from you. One of the Adams girls wanted with our church a our last communion service.

We all are very sorry that Dr. Sizoo is to leave us and the city of Washington. He has done a great work here in the twelve years, and has made a deep impression on the entire community. He will take up his work in New York the first Sunday in May.

The Session have asked me to continue on here as Moderator of the Session and to take the Pastoral oversight of the church.

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The Presbytery meets Apr 18th after
which a Com. on pulpit supply
and for the choice of a new
pastor will be appointed.
I hope I can arrange a date
for you, and will gladly mention
the name of your son Stewart.
His work in my old church
in Hartford as well as in Elizabeth
I know well.
Will write you when active steps
are taken. With sincere regards
to "a handsome, kindly, old
gentleman." Friend.

Yours Cordially Yours
Albert Evans

Esperance, N.Y.

August 20,1936.

Dr.W.C.Robinson.

Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Doctor:

Thank you very much for your letter. I can accept your invitation to conduct the evening service in the Worcester church, Sunday, the 30th. tentatively.

The situation is just this. Through a minister of Utica presbytery, who has been at Esperance, the suggestion was made that I visit a church in that Presbytery the 30th. But it is nothing more than a suggestion. I would rather contact with the Worcester church because of its location.

However I feel obligated to ask that the date for the visit to Utica be postponed. I think it can be. The definite information should be in my hands within a very few days. I will let you know as soon as I hear-not later than Monday next.

I presume the time is too short to make arrangements for the visit to Worcester for next Sunday evening-the 23rd. Or you may have made other arrangements for that date. However if agreeable to you, or that Church, it would suit me very much. Yet it would not be in my place to disarrange present plans or to hasten matters in the least. On the contrary it is my pleasure to conform with your desires in every way.

Your motto-"Make haste slowly" is an excellent one. Unless there should be a statement to the contrary my presumption would be that Worcester goes on Standard Time.

My services are dated for September 6th in Pa. Thanking you again for your invitation, I am

Cordially yours A.M. Eells.

P.S. My telephone number is- Esperance, 35 J 1-3.

ALFRED M. EELLS, D. D.
MINISTER

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ESPERANCE, NEW YORK

August 17,1936.

Dr. W.C.Robinson.
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Doctor:

While the condition of the Worcester church is unfortunate yet it is very fortunate that you are the Moderator during this crisis. I congratulate the Presbytery and Church upon having your services just now.

Allow me to state my position here. For over four years I was a pastor in Delaware. There Mrs. Eells became the victim of a heat stroke. The doctors advised me to get her North as soon as possible. Esperance opened and I located here. I preferred to be a Stated Supply for one year for two reasons. I wished to see how the climate would effect Mrs. Eells. She is not completely recovered. The other reason pertained to this Church. There has been a disturbing element here for 36 years. Of my seven predecessors 3 were here less tha 3 years each, 2 were here 2 years each and 2 were here 1 year each. I am now in my fifth year.

Yet I prefer to move. Some of the brethren of Albany presbytery think that it would be well for me to address you and ask your opinion about a contact for me with the Worsester church. Under its present condition I would be willing to go there as a S.S. for one year and let the future decide itself.

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At the Assembly I voted to confirm all of the reports of the Judicial Commission concerning the Machenites.

That you may know something about my history I take the liberty of enclosing credentials referring to my work during the last 20 years. If desired I can ask some of my neighbors to write you, or some one at Worcester about my work here. If you think it wise to do the latter I will ask that letters be sent to whomever you suggest.

Permit me to state that your son is doing fine work as editor. Just what is expected.

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